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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Israel, et al.
FOR : **OPTIMAL SILICON DIOXIDE PROTECTION
LAYER THICKNESS FOR SILVER LAMP
REFLECTOR**
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

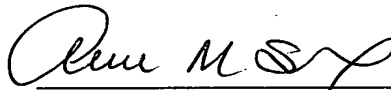
This paper is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 16, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered. The Legal Instruments Examiner, citing a now outdated PTO website notice dated 2003, indicated that claims could not be "withdrawn and currently amended." The present

rules, as indicated in 37 CFR 1,121, (c)(2), clearly permit such a designation. The purpose of the new rules was to avoid the rejection of otherwise complete responses for trivial reasons. The Legal Instrument Examiner did not return Applicant's telephone call, necessitating this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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